

## NBEP Vision 2034 Goals and Objectives Framework (Last Updated 3/7/2024)

Goal	Objective(s)
Develop and Fund Leaders and Organizations	People and organizations with agency to act have increased capacity to address environmental issues in their communities.
	Local environmental projects are adequately funded to reach their objectives.
	NBEP committee membership reflects the geographic, racial, and ethnic diversity of people living within the watershed.
Obtain and Synthesize Data Necessary to Inform Decisions and Adaptation	Relevant data and information for management and adaptation are collected, analyzed and synthesized in publicly-accessible formats.
Reduce Water Pollution to Improve Public Health	Estuarine waters are safe for swimming.
	Lakes, ponds and streams in the watershed are safe for designated recreational uses.
	Shellfish harvest areas are open.
Reduce Water Pollution to Improve Habitat	Estuarine water quality supports healthy aquatic life.
	Water quality in the watershed supports healthy aquatic life.
Advance Sustainable Land Use and Watershed Protection	Landscapes protect residents and infrastructure from floodwaters.
	Nutrient loadings are maintained at levels that are protective of living resources.
Restore Habitat Connectivity, Function, and Resilience	Rivers and streams allow anadromous fish passage to historic spawning areas.
	Coastal salt marshes are resilient to climate change impacts.
	Forested areas and open space with high ecological integrity are protected.
	Increased seagrass acres support fish and wildlife dependent upon them.
Support Climate-Adapted Wildlife	Biodiversity is monitored, cataloged, and incorporated into management and policies.
Provide Equitable Access to Benefits of Natural Resources	Urban heat islands are reduced.
	All watershed residents and visitors have access to the shore.
	All watershed residents and visitors have access to rivers, streams, lakes, and ponds.
	All watershed residents and visitors have access to green spaces in the watershed.